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## Copper Mines of Pima County.

The great success which has attended

the Copper Queen mine at Bisbee,

has stimulated the development

of copper mines throughout southern

Arizona, and it now looks as though

the value of the output of copper bul-

lion will equal, if it does not exceed,

that of silver in the near future. The

capacity of the Copper Queen smel-

ters is to be doubled soon. We also

understand that smelters will soon be

put in place for other mines in the

district at an early date. A smelter

has arrived at Red Rock for the

Old Butte and Blue Coat mines in

Silver Bell District. The "Lucky

Group of Copper Mines," in the Santa

Rita mountains, are being developed

and large smelters will be put in place

for the reduction of the ore of the

company's mines during the coming

summer. Those mines, as well as

others in that locality, are said to be

very promising. The Mammoth Cop-

per mine, in the Old Hat District,

recently sold to California parties, is

soon to have a 30-ton smelter. A

large mine in Sonora about 20 miles

south of Baboquivari Peak, is being

developed and shows up an extraor-

dinary ledge of rich copper ore nearly

100 feet deep, said to be one of the

largest copper mines discovered in this

section of the country. A smelter of

large capacity will no doubt be

erected for these mines during the

coming summer. There are many

other copper mines in Pima county

which are now being opened up, and

will soon pass into the hands of

capitalists who will proceed to develop

them further and erect smelters. We

should not be at all surprised to see

from ten to fifteen copper mines in

Pima county, making regular ship-

ments of bullion within the next

twelve months. It is certain that

Pima county will take the lead of all

other sections of Arizona in rich pay-

ing copper mines.

Wild Camels in Arizona.

It is not generally known that cam-

els roam over the desert wastes of

central and southern Arizona, but it

is a fact, nevertheless. Many years

ago—we believe it was in 1898—a

number of camels were imported into

Texas for use on the western plains,

where the scorching rays of the sun

poured down on the sandy desert, and

where water was to be had only at

long intervals. We are not advised

as to the success of the undertaking

on the plains of Texas. The war

coming on, the camels were either

sold or allowed to roam at large, and

a portion of them found their way

into Arizona, and were used for a

time in carrying freight across the

California desert; but from some

cause or other, perhaps from a want

of knowledge as to the peculiar hab-

its of the animal, they did not prove

profitable, and were turned loose on

the Gila and Salt River bottoms,

where they continue to remain. The

old camels have brought forth young

and multiplied, until now they roam

along the lower Gila in large num-

bers, and seem to be contented and

happy. The old ones are still tame,

but the younger generation is a little

shy, not having been accustomed to

the ways of men. The country seems

to be peculiarly adapted to the camel,

and we have no doubt they will con-

## A Curious Toothpick.

Not long since we published in

these columns an account of a curi-

ous case made of bois de bison wood,

which was presented to Dan De Quill

by Col. Obiston. Major Refner re-

cently presented a toothpick to Col.

John Chum, of Tombstone, which is

equally as interesting and curious.

It is much the same as the bois de

bison wood, though not of so large a

growth. It is known as procyon loter,

and usually grows near marshy or

tulle lands, and is very common

throughout southern Arizona. The

wood is very tough and elastic, and

when thoroughly seasoned takes a

beautiful polish. It usually bends

down at the top in a circular form,

and if a little care is used in working

it out, it may be converted into a

number of artistic ornaments of virtu.

The Phoenix Herald advances the

theory, based upon the plausible con-

clusions of a prominent physician of

San Bernardino, that the small par-

ticles of cotton which fall abundantly

from the cottonwood trees in the

spring are conducive to lung and

throat diseases. It is the infinitesim-

al particles, imperceptible to the

naked eye, which are inhaled and

lodged in the respiratory organs, and

irritate and inflame them until serious

diseases develop. The theory is

worthy of a careful investigation.

As intelligent but impetuous

North Carolinians, named Charles

Didover, has, with the consent of his

wife, mortgaged his own person to

secure a debt. This is a lead that

can be profitably worked by a class

of vagabonds who have no other